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**Sir:**

**AMENDMENT AFTER DECISION BY THE**  
**BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Following the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed on March 29, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: